Joshua Coombes is a London hairdresser who makes a big difference to homeless people’s lives. Watch the video to find out more.

Tasks
Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task
Complete the sentences with words from the box.

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1. Someone who is ........................................ doesn’t have a home.
2. If something has an ........................................, it has a powerful effect.
3. If you see the ........................................ of a problem, you see its large size and importance.
4. Cutting and styling people’s hair is called .........................................
5. If someone has ........................................ in themselves, they value themselves and their own abilities.
6. Your ........................................ is a joint that connects your leg to the upper part of your body.
7. A ........................................ is money that the government gives people who need financial help.
8. A ........................................ is a fixed idea about a particular person or thing which is often not true in reality.
9. If you ........................................ an issue, you show how it affects individual people.
10. A ........................................ is how you behave as a result of a particular situation.
Task 1
Are the sentences true or false?

1. Joshua helps homeless people by giving them money and food.  
True  False
2. Joshua thinks that he can stop the problem of homelessness.  
True  False
3. Joshua thinks that a haircut can help homeless people feel better about themselves.  
True  False
4. Stuart’s problems started when he broke his arm.  
True  False
5. Stuart didn’t receive any financial help any more and had to leave his home.  
True  False
6. Joshua thinks that hearing individual people’s stories helps us to understand homelessness.  
True  False
7. Joshua’s favourite thing is when he sees how the person feels about their new haircut.  
True  False
8. Stuart doesn’t think that he looks very different with his new haircut.  
True  False

Task 2
Put the words and phrases in the correct order to make sentences.

1. can make impact of love Small a big acts
2. to make smile do something someone I had to positive
3. was had you a haircut the last time When
4. come How homeless to be did you
5. and I’ve homeless That was 24 January 2016 been since.
6. a lot of and there’s with homelessness lot of things You see a stereotypes.
7. their haircut One of the the mirror most amazing moments is giving someone at the end of
8. a right You’re new now man

Discussion
Is homelessness a big problem in your country? What are people trying to do to help?
Answers

Preparation task
1. homeless
2. impact
3. magnitude
4. hairdressing
5. confidence
6. hip
7. benefit
8. stereotype
9. humanise
10. reaction

Task 1
1. False
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. False

Task 2
1. Small acts of love can make a big impact.
2. I had to do something positive to make someone smile.
3. When was the last time you had a haircut?
4. How did you come to be homeless?
5. That was 24 January 2016 and I've been homeless since.
6. You see a lot of things with homelessness and there's a lot of stereotypes.
7. One of the most amazing moments is giving someone the mirror at the end of their haircut.
8. You're a new man right now.